approached the Financial institutions to review and raise their earlier request of lowering the interest rates as part of the debt restructuring plans; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) The news item captioned Prices boomerang on steel companies appearing in 'Business Standard' of 3rd July, 2002 has come to the notice of the Government. It has been reported in the news items that on account of recent upward trend in steel prices, financial institutions have shown their disinclination to lower their lending rates or restructure the debts of the steel units that had approached them in this regard.

(c) and (d) It has been reported that certain individual steel companies had approached the financial institutions for reduction in interest rates/ restructuring of debts. Such requests are considered by the financial institution in their commercial judgement depending upon the financial soundness and credit worthiness of individual borrowers.

Revamping the NSS

2642. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to revamp and restructure the National Service Scheme (NSS) in school and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages/slums adopted under the scheme, State-wise;

(d) whether any stipend/honorarium or monetary benefit is given to students, for participating in the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Information is given in the statement (*See* below).

(d) Since NSS is a voluntary Scheme, no stipend/honorarium or monetary benefit is given to students for participating in the scheme.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Number of villages/slums adopted by NSS units during 2001-2002 Regional Centre-wise State/UT-wise

Sl. No.	Name of the Regional Centre	Name of the State/UT	No. of Villages/ Slums adopted by NSS Units during 2001-2002
1.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	755
		D.&N. Haveli	7
		Daman & Diu	5
2.	Bangalore	Karnataka	1446
3.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	627
		Chattishgarh	139
4.	Bhubaneswar	Orissa	1650
5.	Calcutta	West Bengal	250
		Sikkim	—
6.	Chandigarh	Punjab	619
		Himachal Pradesh	220
		Jammu & Kashmir	65
		Chandigarh (UT)	41
7.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	2264
		Pondicherry	51
		Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—
8.	Delhi	Delhi	Not received
		Haryana	Not received
9.	Guwahati	Assam	85
		Arunachal Pradesh	10
		Manipur	80

1	2	3	4
		Mizoram	80
		Nagaland	20
		Meghalaya	40
		Tripura	192
10.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh	894
11.	Jaipur	Rajasthan	775
12.	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	771
		Uttranchal	216
13.	Patna	Bihar	313
		Jharkhand	129
14.	Pune	Maharashtra	1096
		Goa	87
15.	Trivandrum	Kerala	646
		Lakshadweep	—
	GRAND TOTAL		**13,573**

Clubs Registered under NYKS

2643. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth clubs registered in the country under Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of participation of tribal youths in these clubs; during the last year; and

(c) how many youths nominated from these clubs got training from National Sports Council, State-wise, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.